

REMARKS

In the above referenced office action, Claims 19-22 stand rejected. New Claims 23-24 are being added. Claims 19-24 are pending in the application. No new matter is being added.

Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claims 19-22 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Lee (U.S. Patent No. 6,492,848).

The rejection of Claims 19-22 based on Lee and Official Notice is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 19 includes limitations that describe the power-on bias circuit (600) as having "a first voltage input terminal (118) for said power-on bias circuit", and "a second voltage input terminal" (116), representing voltage inputs received from core circuits and peripheral circuits respectively.

Lee does not teach or suggest the limitations that include 2 voltage input terminals, as recited above in Claim 19. On the contrary, Lee teaches away from these limitations by teaching a power-on reset circuit having one and only 1-input and 1-output. Specifically, Lee (ABSTRACT) discloses the "power-on reset circuit according to the present invention comprises an input unit *receiving the power-on signal from an external circuit*" (emphasis added). In FIG. 2, Lee illustrates the power-on signal

(P_ON) as the one and only voltage input terminal for the power-on reset circuit. The Office Action alleges that node N20 of FIG. 2 is another "voltage input terminal", even though FIG. 2 clearly shows node N20 as an internal node that is contained within the power-on reset circuit, and is clearly not "a first input terminal for said power-on circuit". Lee does not teach or suggest a power-on reset circuit having 2 voltage input terminals in support of the Office Action. Thus, Lee fails to teach or suggest all limitations of the Claim 19. Therefore, Claim 19 is allowable for at least this reason.

Dependent Claims 20, 21, 22, and new Claims 23, 24 directly or indirectly depend from Claim 19, and are allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectively submit that all of the pending claims, i.e., Claims 19-24 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicants would be necessary for placing this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040.

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